PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

1998-1999

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Copiah-Lincoln Community College

Wesson/Natchez, Mississippi

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The Ewing Administration Building as depicted by artist Wyatt Waters. The art work was commissioned as a fund-raiser to assist with the J. M. Ewing Memorial Scholarship and the Maggie Flowers Ewing Memorial Scholarship.

Copiah-Lincoln Community College is committed to a policy of equal employment and educational opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, physical or mental disability, or age. This policy extends to all programs and activities supported by the college.

President's Message

Dr. Howell C. Garner

On behalf of the Copiah-Lincoln Community College family, it is my pleasure to present this annual report.

This report includes and highlights many of the major achievements for 1998-1999 as well as documenting budgetary, enrollment, personnel and administrative changes and accomplishments.

Co-Lin has a proud heritage, which dates back to the days of its establishment as a two-year college in 1928. Since that year, thousands of individuals, who now call themselves alumni of Co-Lin, have been given an opportunity for an affordable, high quality post-secondary education.

Without Co-Lin - at both the Wesson and Natchez campuses - many of these graduates would not have had such a great opportunity.

Without a doubt, it is an honor for me to be part of an institution which has meant so much to so many. And, to lead such an institution as its president is indeed a great honor.

As I look ahead, I see great challenges. I also see even greater opportunities for us to be better educators to our students and stronger allies with our communities.

As we approach a new century, we at Co-Lin are excited that our institution not only may be witnessing a new era of history, but that we can play a vital role in shaping the history yet to come.

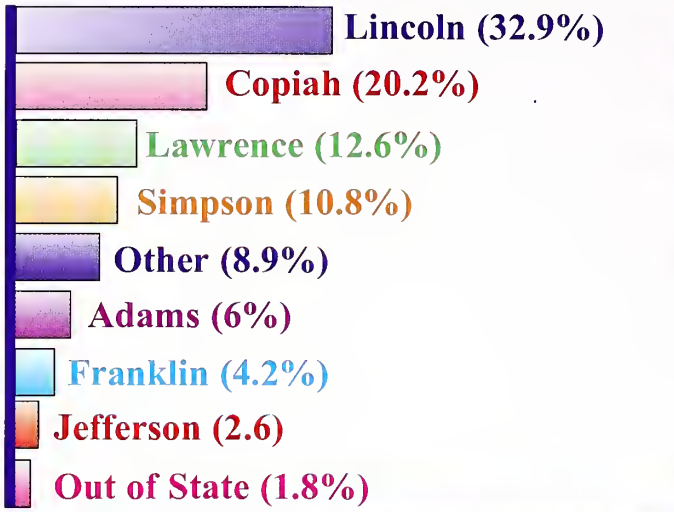
I hope you enjoy this review of 1998-1999.

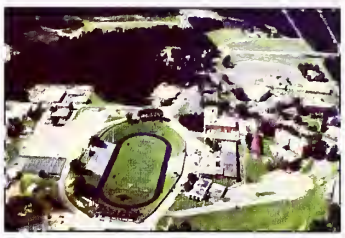
A model of cooperation

Dr. Howell C. Garner and Dr. Clinton F. Bristow, president of Alcorn State University have had fruitful talks about joint plans at the Natchez campus, forming a model of cooperation for Mississippi.

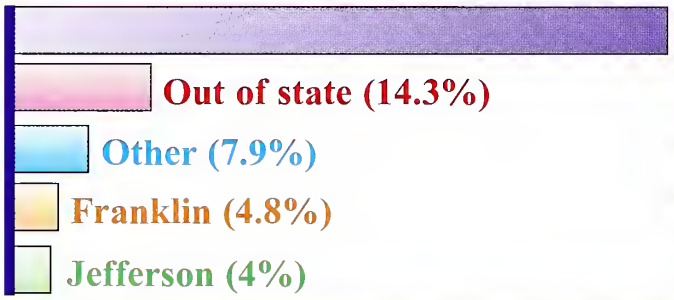
Enrollment

Enrollment remains strong within our service area at both the Wesson and Natchez campuses. However, our position on the World Wide Web has brought four students from foreign lands, indicating to us that the Web is an untapped source for recruiting new students, locally or from afar.





Wesson Campus 1998-1999



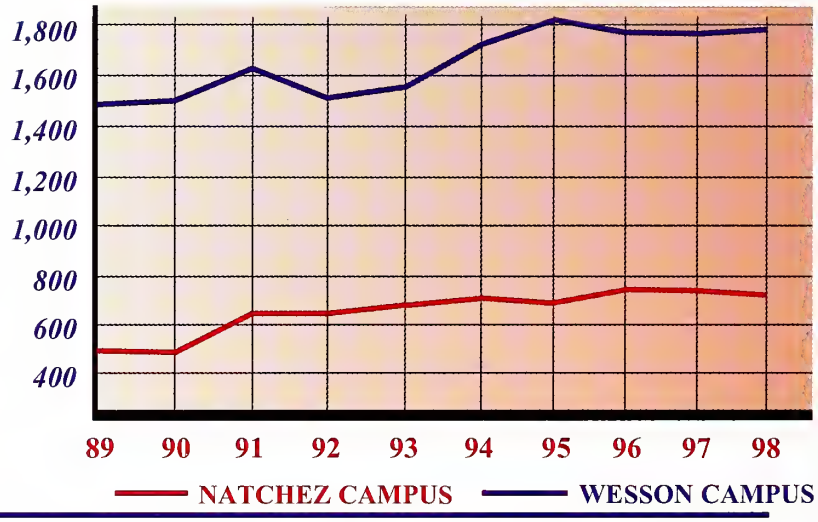
Natchez Campus
1998-1999

Percentage of enrollment

Enrollment by category
1998-1999
Wesson and Natchez campuses

Enrollment at a glance

Enrollment at Co-Lin Wesson and Natchez 1989-1998



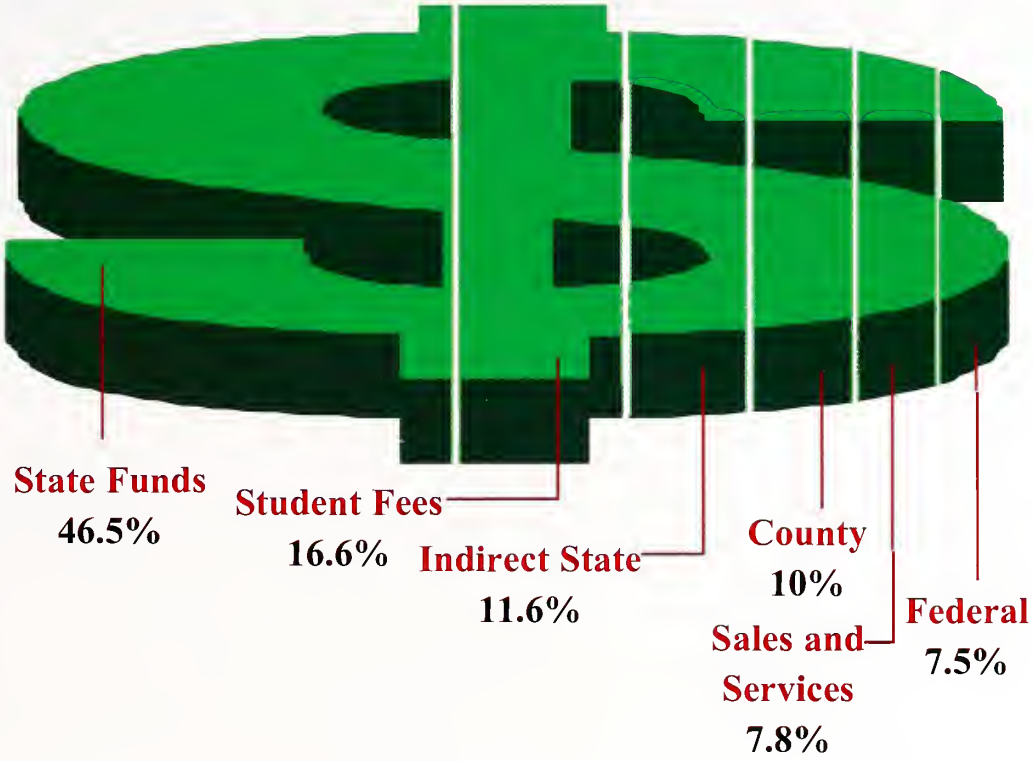
True wisdom is to know what is best worth knowing, and to do what is best worth doing.

— Edward Porter Humphrey

Co-Lin Finances 1998-1999

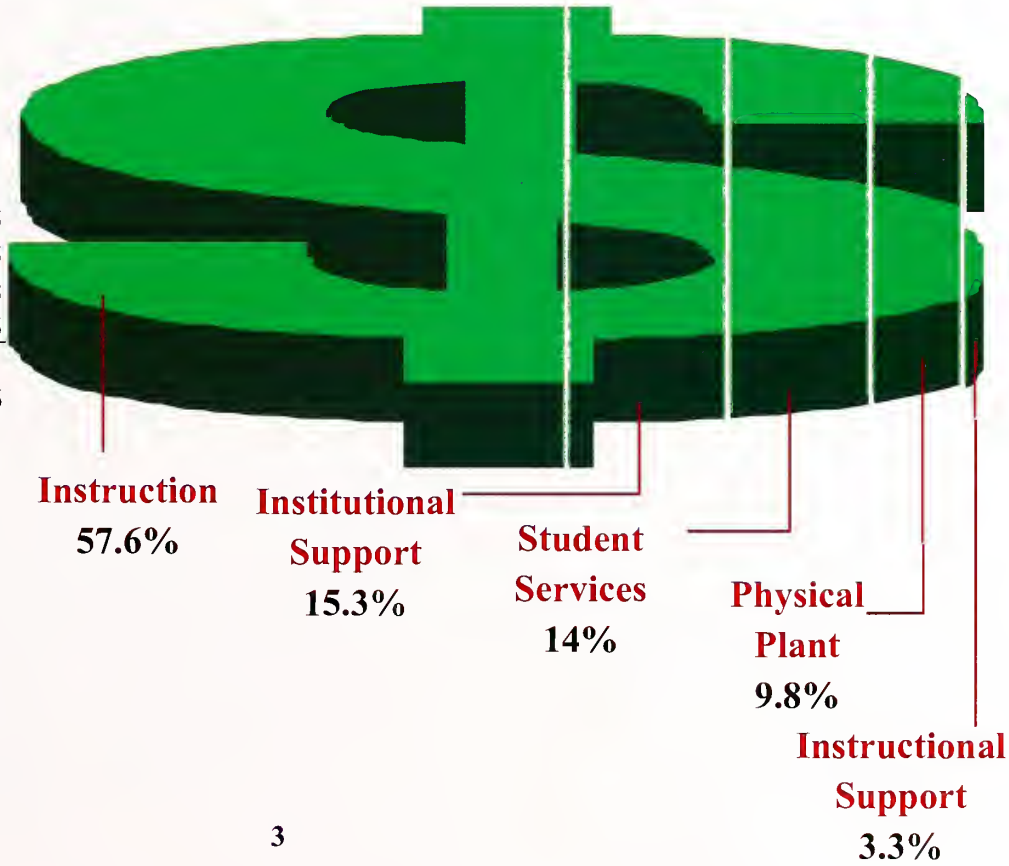
Revenue (1998-1999)

State Funds	$7,608,973
Student Fees	$2,721,117
County	$1,615,210
Indirect State	$1,905,801
Sales and Services	$1,272,252
Federal	$1,229,032
TOTAL	$16,352,385



Expenditures (1998-1999)

Instruction	$9,339,773
Instructional Support	$543,925
Student Services	$2,265,715
Institutional Support	$2,475,408
Physical Plant	$1,586,816
TOTAL	$16,211,636



Construction and Renovation

The sounds of construction equipment, saws, drills and other tools were heard throughout the 1998-1999 year as the college continued its building and renovation programs.

Most notable among our projects was the groundbreaking for the Billy B. Thames Conference Center *(additional references on Pages 6-7)*. The center is scheduled to open next school year.

Elzey Hall received a much-needed facelift. The new Grill and Wolf Den on the Wesson Campus are now open.

Construction began on the bridge over the conservation area on the Wesson campus, and on the Natchez campus, a beautiful gazebo was built by campus staff.

This page highlights some of the projects.

Machinery prepares the lake near the conference center.

Construction began on the Billy B. Thames Conference Center, which is scheduled to open in fall 1999.

Renovations to Elzey Hall began in the 1998-1999 academic year.

Both campuses continued their beautification projects.

A bridge was constructed in the Conservation Area on the Wesson Campus to enhance the Nature Trail.

A new gazebo was constructed on the Natchez campus.

The new Grill has a more modern, inviting look.

The Wolf Den is now open.

Student Successes

Students at Copiah-Lincoln Community College continued to excel in and outside of the classroom. For example, students conducted an intensive food and clothing drive to assist needy families ravaged by storms in Honduras and Texas. And, students collected money, toys, food, clothing and other items for local needy individuals. Indeed, the Co-Lin student family is blessed with people who perform, achieve and inspire. Without a doubt, Co-Lin is "The Place to Be" because of those who choose to attend. Here are some of their accomplishments.

Dustin Farris, SGA president in Natchez, helped spearhead a successful drive for the needy in Honduras.

Academic Highlights

NATIONAL

* Tennis team chosen No. 1 Academic All American Team;
* Baseball Team ranked No. 6;
* Business technology program ranked #1 in the state.
* Blake Case chosen Academic All American.
* PTK Wesson one of 10 chapters earning International Service Hallmark Award; runner up for Leadership Hallmark Award; ranked 93rd of 1,000 chapters in the world.
* PBL Natchez student selected for nationals.
* PBL Wesson wins 10th place for American Enterprise Project; 4th place for Partnership With Business. Other PBL Wesson honors: 10th place, Business Law; 7th place, Business Plan; 4th place, Machine Transcription; 5th place, Desktop Publishing.
* HOSA Natchez students compete at nationals.

REGIONAL

* PTK Wesson runner up as Most Outstanding Chapter in Miss.-La. region, and receives Service Hallmark Award.

STATE

* Wesson Scholars Bowl first; Natchez team fifth.
* N-Sights chosen top community college newspaper
* PBL Natchez student earns second.
* HOSA Natchez students finish first.
* Business Technology Program ranked #1 in the state.

Athletic Highlights

NATIONAL

Two track team members compete at national meet.
Two golfers advance to nationals, finish fifth and eighth.
Women's tennis team finished fourteenth in national tournament.

REGIONAL

Men's basketball and baseball teams participate in region tournament.
Women's basketball team runner up in region tournament.
Women's tennis team region champions.

STATE

Golf team wins state.
Men's high-jumper places first.
Women's tennis team wins state.
Men's and women's basketball teams win state.
Softball team places fourth.

SOUTH DIVISION

Men's and women's basketball teams win south.
Softball team wins south.

The men's and women's state championship basketball teams shared the limelight ... while making Co-Lin history.

Year in

'98

New doors - figuratively and literally - opened at Copiah-Lincoln Community College during the 1998-1999 year.

We were blessed with the completion of the Fred and Jewett Taylor Chapel on the Wesson Campus. A record number of golfers participated in the Co-Lin Foundation Golf Classic, and we strengthened our educational commitment in Simpson County with the opening of a training facility.

The Community Arts Series grew as did the Media/Journalism Symposium for Secondary Schools.

For the first time in Co-Lin history, both the women's and men's basketball teams finished first in the state. Also, our Scholars Bowl was tops in Mississippi. *More information on Page 5.*

In Natchez, a strong spirit of cooperation was forged with Alcorn State University for a variety of projects. Also, the first Renaissance Fair was held, and for the first time, the campus sponsored an Industry Appreciation Day.

Another first for Natchez: buildings and facilities were dedicated to individuals who greatly helped establish the campus and contributed to its growth.

Co-Lin also launched its first classes taught over the Internet. The response to the classes was so strong that the courses are being expanded for the fall 1999 semester.

The Natchez Campus newspaper, *N-Sights,* was judged best in the state by two separate organizations, a first for the campus.

Overall, our students and staff continued their tradition of achievements and improvements.

And, we are poised to enter the millennium year with an abundance of enthusiasm and optimism.

Natchez English Instructor Judy Wiggins danced the maypole during the first Renaissance Fair.

Construction began on Billy B. Thames Confe

The Co-Lin Foundation Golf Tournament enjoyed its most successful year ever.

The Fred and was dedicated.

N-Sights

The campus newspaper of Copiah-Lincoln Community College Natchez

Oct. 5, 1998

What's ahead?

Co-Lin and Alcorn State plan to spend millions more on new buildings and programs.

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A $17M investment in education

A look at recent spending and proposed projects

Also inside

The Natchez Campus newspaper was judged first in the state in two separate competitions.

The Wolf Hollow Golf Course was in operation for its seco full year. A total of 26,979 rounds were played during the second year.

Review

ce Center.

Pulitzer Prize winning photographer Ted Jackson talks with students at the 1999 Journalism/Media Symposium for secondary schools.

ett Taylor Chapel

The new Counseling Center opened on the Wesson Campus.

The Natchez Literary Celebration, which Co-Lin co-sponsors, marked its 10th year. Dr. Garner presented plaques to Carolyn Vance Smith, founder and co-chair, and former Gov. William Winter, director of proceedings for all 10 years.

Dedication in Natchez

Reed

Watkins

Redd

Dunn

Nelson

Paul

Six honored at historic ceremony

In Natchez, campus buildings and facilities for the first time were dedicated in the honor and memory of individuals during a formal ceremony June 5 in the multi-purpose room.

Here are the new names:

- **Tom Reed Academic Center,** in memory of the late Thomas J. Reed, former member of the Co-Lin Board of Trustees.
- **Redd/Watkins Vocational-Technical Center,** in memory of the late Ellmore A. Redd, former member of the Co-Lin Board of Trustees, and in honor of Troy B. Watkins, former state senator, who was significantly responsible for helping establish the Natchez Campus.
- **Willie Mae Dunn Library,** in honor of Willie Mae Dunn, retired librarian.
- **W. L. Nelson Multi-Purpose Room,** in memory of the late Walter L. Nelson, former member of the Co-Lin Board of Trustees.
- **Joey H. Paul Technology Room,** in memory of the late Dr. Joey Paul, computer science and mathematics instructor.

Approximately 200 people attended the ceremony.

'99

Vocational-Technical Education

Highlights

* **Computer Networking Technology Program** implemented at Wesson.
* **New electronics instructor** added at Natchez.
* **MicroComputer Technology** added at Wesson.
* **JTPA Nurse Assistant Program** implemented.
* College participated in **National Science Foundation Technology Partnership** with four other community colleges.
* Twenty-six students participated in the **Career Equity Program.**
* A record 218 eighth graders participated in the **Nontraditional Careers Conference.**
* Thirty-three visits to local junior and high schools.
* All 14 public high schools, their feeder middle and junior high schools and vocational-technical centers became **Tech-Prep sites**.
* A total of 117 single parents and displaced homemakers received **supportive services** during the 1998-1999 academic year.
* The annual **Women in Science and Technology Conference** was held.
* More than 200 adults attended **special interest classes.**

Advances in all areas of Vocational Technical instruction were made in the 1998-1999 academic and administrative year. The Vo-Tech Division operates year-round training students across a wide range of ages and experiences. This page offers a look at the highlights of our very busy and productive year.

Work-based learning: A new cornerstone

Students in their Work-Based Learning sites.

More involvement by business and industry partners was a highlight of the Work-Based Learning in its second year.

Twenty-three new companies provided work-site learning experiences for students in 1998-1999, bringing to 53 the total number of Work-Based Learning sites. Work-Based Learning hosted nine business and industry forums for vocational-technical students, while representatives from 22 businesses held discussions with the students on a variety of topics.

Fifty-five students from 10 technical programs participated in work-site learning activities, gaining valuable work experience.

New equipment enhances programs

More than $389,000 worth of equipment was bought and installed on both the Wesson and Natchez campuses. Major purchases include new computers, welding machines, automotive dynamometer, drafting design equipment, nursing manequins and electronic signal processing trainers.

A student registers for the program.

New pulp, paper program approved

The Wesson Campus was given the go-ahead to create a new technology program: Pulp, Paper and Chemical Technology.

Registration for the program began in the summer, with start-up set for the fall.

Armstrong

Co-Lin salutes Business and Industry

The annual Job Fair/Industry Appreciation Day was held at the Wesson Campus. Thirty-nine companies set up displays and more than 275 business executives and representatives attended the event.

Natchez held its first Industry Appreciation Day luncheon, saluting more than 100 businesses.

Keynote speaker was Steve Armstrong, administrative assistant for Lt. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, who talked about the state's commitment to technology training.

Our programs are succeeding

In our 18 associate degree technology programs, 12 placed all graduates in jobs.
Four placed more than 80 percent of the graduates in jobs.
Nine of our 15 certificate programs placed all graduates in jobs.

Report on Technology

Technological improvements were made at both the Natchez and Wesson campuses during the academic year.

From the classroom to the server room, Co-Lin made great strides in technology for students and staff.

Our improved electronic page: www.colin.cc.ms.us

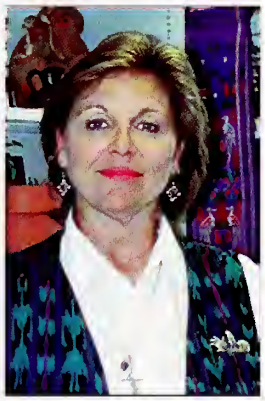
In addition, the Co-Lin Web Page was improved in appearance and content. New information is added consistently, making the site truly a window for the world to see our magnificent institution.

Teaching at Co-Lin goes high-tech

Imagine ... going to class at 11 o'clock at night, 2 o'clock in the morning or noon ... *whenever* you choose.

Imagine ... going to class on a Saturday or Sunday ... *whatever* day you want.

Imagine ... attending class from the back yard, the beach or even from the bass boat ... from *wherever* you are.



Natchez instructor Linda Royals Flynn is a pioneer in distance learning.

Some Co-Lin students in the 1998-1999 school year actually had that opportunity to choose when *they* wanted to attend class via our two electronic for-credit courses, including Oral Communications taught by Linda Royals Flynn at the Natchez campus.

The classes were highly successful and technologically challenging and rewarding for both the instructors and our staff.

Flynn will teach two classes this fall, while the Wesson Campus will offer four on-line courses: Introduction to Computers, General Biology, British Literature and World Civilization.

While we don't see distance learning ever taking over for the "real" classroom experience, we have learned that on-line courses not only are popular, but also help us to serve a wider range of students in a schedule convenient to them.

We are proud to be part of what is becoming a new age of education.

Ideas must work through the brains and the arms of good and brave men, or they are no better than dreams.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Highlights

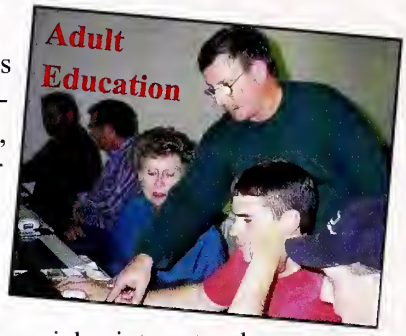
* The Web Server came on line for the college district.
* The Web Page was developed - a continuing process.
* The network was extended to all areas of both campuses.
* Three computer labs were upgraded in our Vocational-Technical programs.
* New computers were added to Wesson library.
* The MAGNOLIA Project was expanded to give students greater access.
* A new technical program in networking was developed.
* The technology specialist position at the Natchez campus was upgraded to full time.
* A technology specialist position was added at the Wesson Campus.
* We added an audio capability for the Reading students in the Humanities lab at the Wesson Campus.
* We introduced "on line" testing modules for the Introduction to Computers course.
* We offered two Internet for-credit classes for students at Natchez and Wesson.
* Upgraded the AS/400 from 10 mps to 100 mps.

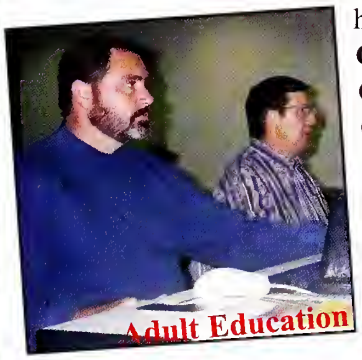
Community Services

Businesses served by the Career Center
1998-1999

Alcorn State University
Boswell Regional Center
Central Mississippi Planning & Development District
Citizens State Bank
Copiah County Economic Development District
Delphi-Packard Electric Corporation
Fountain Construction Company
Franklin County Head Start
Georgia-Pacific Corporation
Georgia-Pacific Forestry Resources
Georgia-Pacific Roxie
Halford & Halford
Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital
Haven Hall Health Care Center
Hazlehurst Public Schools
Herring Gas Company
International Paper Company
Johns Manville Corporation
Kellwood Manufacturing
King's Daughters Medical Center
Kuhlman Electric Corporation
Lincoln County Schools
Lindsey Head Start Center
Magee General Hospital
MagneTek/Gallman
MagneTek/Mendenhall
McLane Southern
Miles Lumber Company
Mississippi Employment Security Commission
Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services
Mississippi Forestry Commission
Natchez Regional Medical Center
National Oil Well
People's Bank
Potter Production Co.
Precious Moments Learning Center
Signature Works
Southern Pine Electric Association
Spectrum Controls
The Timber Company
Titan Wheel
Tyson Foods
Wesson Attendance Center
Zachry Company

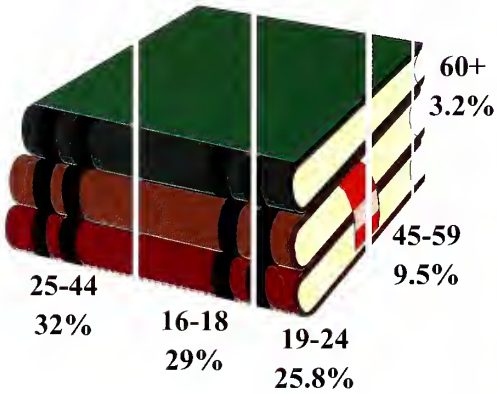
Copiah-Lincoln showed in a big way why it's called a community college. During the 1998-1999 academic year, the two campuses hosted, or co-sponsored, dozens of programs for students of almost every age and economic background. The activities included, but were not limited to, special interest classes, sponsorship of the **Institute for Learning In Retirement,** involvement with **Elderhostel International,** the **Kids College** summer fun program on the Natchez campus, **Adult Education** classes (which experienced the largest enrollment in our history, serving 1,008 individuals), sponsorship of the **GED,** hosting the **SBDC (Small Business Development Center),** the annual **College Fair** on the Natchez Campus, **Lifeskills for Prisoners Program,** the **Career Center** and the **Senior Aides** program. In addition, many community groups have used Co-Lin facilities for meetings and seminars. *The Place to Be* is certainly more than a slogan, it's a way of life for Co-Lin Wesson and Natchez.





Adult Basic Education
1998-1999

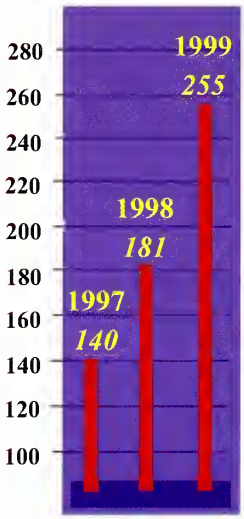
Individuals served
By age group - both campuses
Total: 1008 ***(970)***



Percentages in parentheses reflect 1997-1998

The ILR success story

The Institute for Learning in Retirement has enjoyed substantial growth in just a few years.



An ILR member tours Savannah, Georgia.

Personnel

High Performance Award Recipients

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COPIAH-LINCOLN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HIGH PERFORMANCE AWARD

1998-1999

Wesson Campus

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Natchez Campus

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Natchez Dean
Sue Savino
Special Programs Coordinator

During the 1998-1999 academic year, there were many personnel changes. As staff moved on to retirement and other pursuits, new professionals arrived eager to take their places.

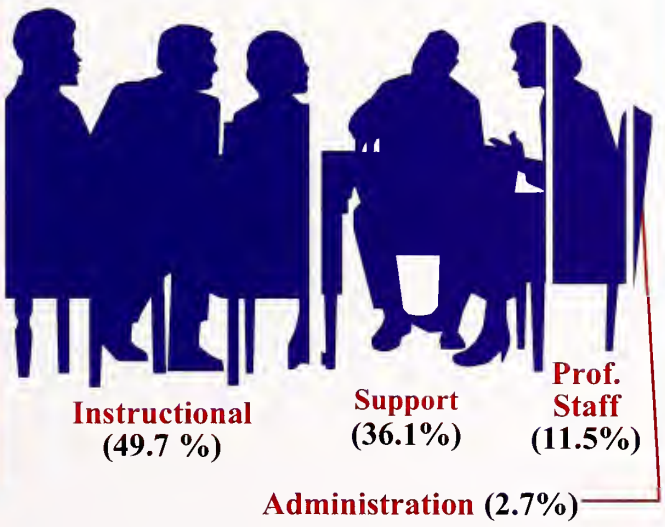
Among those newcomers were **Kaye Harris,** assistant dean for vocational-technical instruction on the Natchez Campus; **Allen Kent,** director of the Co-Lin Foundation and Alumni Affairs, and **Jane Hulon,** director for Research and Planning. Retirees from the Wesson Campus were **Burlian Walker,** director of public information; **Lois Hawkins,** Mr. Walker's secretary; **Ron Williamson,** biology instructor; **Bobby Leonard,** diesel mechanics instructor; and **Sharon Alexander,** English instructor.

Inducted into the Co-Lin Foundation Hall of Fame from the Wesson Campus were **Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor;** the late **Dr. Dwight Douglas Davis** and the late **Modena Hodges Peterson.** Inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame were **Samuel C. West, Harry S. Dickerson, Robert Newsome** and the late **James Robert "Bobby" Thames.**

Dr. Howell Garner receives a hug from Sue Savino, the most recent High Performance Award recipient at the Natchez Campus.

Co-Lin's employee base

1998-1999



Dr. Joey Paul

Co-Lin Instructor 1972 — 1998

On Aug. 17, 1998, the first day of classes at the Natchez Campus, Dr. Joey Paul was killed in a tragic accident as he was returning to teach night classes. At that time, he was the only origional instructor from the begining of the Natchez campus still teaching.

The administration, students and staff rallied to raise money for a Dr. Joey Paul Scholarship. The first presentation of the scholarship was made in April.

Highlights

The instructional staff members at both campuses were awarded an overall 10.2 percent increase in salaries thanks to the efforts of our state legislators.

Administrative and support staff also earned wage increases in large part because of the continued rise in enrollment.

Instructors selected for the National Institute for Supervision and Organization Development were: **Carol Longino, Chris Warren, Brenda Smith and Margaret Britt,** Wesson Campus; **Allen Oliver** and **LaWanda Doss,** Natchez Campus.

Honored by the Alumni Association were: **Richard Furr** and **Dr. Kay Rayborn,** alumni of the year; **Evelyn Sutton** and **Rhonda Posey,** instructors of the year, and **Allen Brown,** staff member of the year.

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